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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 142  
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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend the Great Casey Jones  
Balloon Classic.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those institutions and events that enrich the lives of the citizens of this great State; and

WHEREAS, The Great Casey Jones Balloon Classic is one such event which is held annually in September or October at the McKellar-Sipes Regional Airport in Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's largest balloon event, The Great Casey Jones Balloon Classic, consists of thrilling Hot Air Balloon and Airplane Shows, a Static Air Show, races, musical entertainment, a tasty food court, a petting zoo, pony rides, Dandee Jumpers, and engaging carnival rides for the whole family; and

WHEREAS, Organized by the Kiwanis Club of Madison County, all of the proceeds of this exemplary event benefit charitable organizations in West Tennessee, such as the Lifeline Blood Services, also known as the West Tennessee Regional Blood Center, the Kiwanis Center for Children Development, and the Kiwanis Club of Jackson Foundation; and

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WHEREAS, The Great Casey Jones Balloon Classic, with its exceptional display of hot air balloons and high standards of excellence, is well on its way to becoming a Balloon Championship site, as well as the premier hot air balloon event of the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, Last year's fun-filled event, held on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of October, 2000, was one of the best-attended events in all of West Tennessee last year; and the 2001 Great Casey Jones Balloon Classic is sure to be an even greater success; and

WHEREAS, The Great Casey Jones Balloon Classic joins together citizens from all over the Southeastern part of the United States and Tennesseans from all walks of life to revel in each other's company and to enjoy the natural beauty of Tennessee and the wonders of hot air balloons; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the Great Casey Jones Balloon Classic, thank its organizers, volunteers and sponsors for their hard work and commitment in service of charity, and extend our heartfelt best wishes for the continued success of this outstanding event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.